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Federally Reimbursable Snack and Meal Programs

This convenient chart highlights key components of the federally reimbursable snack and meal programs to assist out of school time programs in deciding which meal program is the best fit.

Out of School Time Snack Facts: Federally Reimbursable Snack and Meal Programs

*Refer to **Glossary** for definition and additional details.

**Additional meals (breakfast, lunch, and/or supper) can be served under the CACFP At-Risk, the CACFP, and the SFSP. For more information, contact the program specialist.

#For more information, visit [Child Nutrition Reimbursement Rates](#).

Criteria	NSLP After-School*	CACFP "At-Risk"*	CACFP*
Eligible Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public or Private Schools/County Offices of Education District in partnership with non-profit CBO* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public or Private Schools/County Offices of Education Non-profit CBO with school partnership Non-profit CBO Governmental Agency For-profit CBO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public or Private Schools/County Offices of Education Non-profit CBO with school partnership Non-profit CBO Governmental Agency For-profit CBO

Ages	School-age children age 18 and younger	School-age children age 18 and younger	School-age children age 12 and younger
Food Available	Snack	Snack/Meal**	Snack/Meal**
Eligibility*	Individual or Site	Site	Individual
Time Period	After school	After school, weekends, and school holidays	After school

Days of Service	School days only	Generally during school year	365 days per year but generally during school year
Can program contract with vendor?*	Yes	Yes, especially if no kitchen facilities are available on-site	Yes, especially if no kitchen facilities are available on-site
Nutrition Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet snack meal pattern, and Meet EC nutrition standards* (ASES & 21st Century grantees only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet snack or supper meal pattern, and Meet EC nutrition standards* (ASES & 21st Century grantees only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet snack or supper meal pattern, and Meet EC nutrition standards* (ASES & 21st Century grantees only)
Snack Reimbursement Rate (2019-20)#	\$0.94 (if site is area-eligible)	\$0.94 (Snack) \$3.41 (Supper)	3 reimbursement rates (Snack) 3 reimbursement rates (Supper)
Monitoring Oversight by Local Program	2 times per year for each site; first review must occur by the fourth week in operation	3 times per year if a sponsoring organization*	3 times per year if a sponsoring organization*
Training Requirement*	Annual	Annual	Annual

Pros/Cons (from ASP* perspective)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Less administrative work Less control over snack program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More administrative work Meals can be served in addition to snacks More control over snack program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More administrative work Meals can be served in addition to snacks More control over snack program
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Web Sites

Program	Web Site
NSLP After School Snack	Meal Supplements (Snacks) Under the NSLP [http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu/sn/snack.asp] Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) [https://www.fns.usda.gov/school-meals/after-school-snacks]
CACFP CACFP After School Programs	Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) [http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu/cc/mgmb.asp] FNS, USDA [https://www.fns.usda.gov/cacfp/after-school-programs] California Afterschool Network [https://www.afterschoolnetwork.org/after-school-and-summer-meal-program]
SFSP	Summer Food Service [http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu/sff] FNS, USDA [https://www.fns.usda.gov/sfsp/summer-food-service-program]

Glossary

Term	Definition
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ASES	After School Education and Safety Programs receive state funding for ASPs (Visit Before and After School [http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ba/]).
ASP	After School Program.
CACFP	Child and Adult Care Food Program.
CBO	Community Based Organization.
CCNSP	Community Child Nutrition Snack Project.
Component	<p>A reimbursable snack must contain full servings of any two of the following four food components. A reimbursable meal must contain full servings of all four components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Fluid Milk - 8 ounces ■ Grain or Bread Product - 1 slice bread (for example) ■ Meat or Meat Alternate - 1 ounce meat (snack); 2 ounces (meal) ■ Fruit, Vegetable, and/or 100% Juice - 3/4 cup (for a meal, at least two different items must be served, totaling 3/4 cup) <p>For snack, these components may be served in any combination, except that juice may not be served when milk is the only other component. Portion sizes for various age groups can be found in the USDA <i>Food Buying Guide</i> introduction at the USDA Resource Library. [https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/food-buying-guide-for-child-nutrition-programs] 🔗 page.</p>
EC Nutrition Standards	<p><i>Education Code</i>, Chapter 9 of Part 27, Article 2.5, beginning with Section 49430 (ASES & 21st Century only): Refer to Education Code 49430-49434 [http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displaySection.xhtml?sectionNum=49430.&lawCode=EDC]. 🔗 for details.</p>
Eligibility	<p>Refers to how the after school program qualifies for funding and is reimbursed for the NSLP snack or meal program. Sites that are “area eligible” qualify by being located in a low-income area (50% Free/Reduced-price National School Lunch Program) and receive the highest rate of reimbursement for all snacks/meals served. Snacks served by sites that are not area-eligible are reimbursed based on an individual child’s household income (reference Meal Supplements (Snacks) Under the NSLP [http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/nu/sn/snack.asp]).</p>
For Profit CBO	<p>Must be operating an existing CACFP child care center to add an at-risk site. For more information, refer to USDA’s <i>At-Risk Afterschool Meals Handbook</i> [https://fns-prod.azureedge.net/sites/default/files/cacfp/atriskguide2016.pdf] 🔗 (PDF)</p>

FRAC Afterschool Nutrition Programs	Food Research & Action Center is a national nonprofit organization working to eradicate poverty-related hunger and undernutrition in the United States. Visit their Afterschool Nutrition Programs [http://www.frac.org/programs/afterschool-nutrition-programs]. ↗ web page to access resources, including Afterschool Nutrition Standards of Excellence [http://frac.org/wp-content/uploads/afstandards.pdf]. ↗ (PDF)
POS	Point of Service.
NSLP	National School Lunch Program.
SFSP	Summer Food Service Program.
Sponsor	Local agency that administers a USDA reimbursable meal program.
Training Requirement	Sponsor attends annual Nutrition Services Division training.
21 st CCLC	21 st Century Community Learning Centers receive federal funding for ASPs (reference Before and After School [http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ba/]).
Vendors	If kitchen facilities are not available on-site, programs usually contract with a vendor. Potential vendors include district school food service departments, community kitchens, food banks, hospitals, other nonprofit organizations, and for-profit companies.

Note: Nutrition standards are "minimum" standards. All ASPs are encouraged to ensure that students receive a variety of foods over the course of a menu planning cycle, especially fresh fruits and vegetables. ASPs may need to budget additional monies above the amounts provided by "reimbursable" programs to meet the quantity needs of their students, particularly for junior high and high school-aged students. These additional foods must also meet the nutrition requirements of the California *Education Code* for ASES and 21st CCLC funded programs. "Reimbursable snack and meal" funds may count towards the required "match" under the ASES match.

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